

REMARKS


Claims 1-41 are pending in the application. Of the above, claims 1-9, 11-33 and 39-41 were rejected claims 10 and 34-38 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The rejection is respectfully traversed. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the conditional allowance of claims 10 and 34-38.

While continuing to traverse the rejection of claims 1-9, 11-33 and 39-41, and in order to expedite allowance of the objected to claims, Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-9, 16-32 and 39-41 and amends claims 10, 34 and 36 to incorporate all of the limitations of, respectively, base claims 9 and 29 and all the intervening claims, as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 11, 12 and 15 are amended to depend from claim 10 instead of claim 9. Claims 13 and 14 depend originally from claim 12, which now depends from claim 10.

In view of the amendments above, the objection to claims 1, 9 and 16 because of formalities is now moot.

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that claims 10-15 and 34-38 are now in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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